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Sir:

The undersigned attorney of record, empowered to sign this Statement on behalf of the assignee, states that SONY CORPORATION, a Japanese corporation, is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an

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assignment from the inventor thereof. The assignment was recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 18, 1994 at Reel 6959, Frame 0567 in application serial No. 08/172,197 filed December 23, 1993 which issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,434,677 from which application Serial No. 08/895,597 filed July 16, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. RE37,810 E is a reissue thereof from which said application (serial No. 09/635,480) is a continuation thereof.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

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